

Statement of the Chairman at the conclusion of the 215th Session

Hon'ble Members,

The 215th Session of Rajya Sabha comes to a close. It commenced on 12th February 2009 with the Rashtrapatiji's Address to both the Houses of Parliament. The Address was discussed in the form of Motion of Thanks which spread over two days and lasted for more than nine and a half hours.

The Interim Railway and Interim General Budgets for the year 2009-10 were laid on the table on 13th and 16th February, 2009 respectively. The discussions on the Interim Railway Budget and Interim General Budget were spread over three days and lasted for about twelve hours.

I have directed the Secretary General to make available statistical information regarding this session.

I thank the Leader of the House, the Leader of the Opposition, Leaders of various Parties and Groups and all the Hon'ble Members for the immense cooperation extended that has enabled the smooth conduct of House proceedings.

I also thank the Deputy Chairman, Members on the Panel of Vice-Chairmen and the officers and staff of the Secretariat for their help and cooperation.

Before we adjourn, may I extend to all of you my greetings and good wishes for the forthcoming festivals.